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- □ 7 sheets of □ formal □ informal drawings.
- ☐ Transmittal of Japanese patent application 2003-308197 to claim priority date of September 1, 2003.
- ☑ An Executed Declaration.
- ☑ An assignment executed by inventor to Hitachi, Ltd.
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